

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

I. Amendments**A. In the Specification**

The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical errors.

On page 4, the definition of "n" has been amended to range from 0-20, as supported by the lipid shown in Fig. 2D.

On page 4, page 10, and page 13, linker, L, when of the form noted in option (i) is amended to agree with the lipid shown in Fig. 1; namely the form $-X-(C=O)-Y-$.

B. In the Claims

Claims 1 and 4 are amended to define the linking group "L" consistent with the structures shown in the specification. More specifically, the lipid shown in Fig. 1, the imidazole ring is joined to $-(CH_2)_n-$, where $n=2$. Linking group L is of the form "NH-(C=O)-O". Thus, L corresponds to the embodiment of claim 1 where L is " $-X-(C=O)-Y-$ ", wherein X is NH and Y is O. Thus, amendment of option (i) in claim 1 where L is " $-X-(C=O)-Y-$ " is supported by Fig. 1.

Claim 1 is further amended to recite that n is from 0-20, as supported by the lipid illustrated in Fig. 2D.

Claim 3 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

C. In the Abstract

The abstract is amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

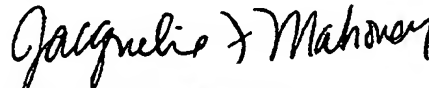
D. In the Drawings

Drawings 2A, 2C, 2D, and 3D are amended as discussed above.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

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